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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR GARBA CALL JUNE 22, 1973

FOR AMBASSADOR FROM NEWSOM

- 1. AMBASSADOR CALLED SAY FAREWELL PRIOR TO HIS TAKING LEAVE IN LAGOS. HE EXPECTS CALL ON YOU DURING COURSE OF HIS THREE AND ONE- HALF WEEKS IN NIGERIA.
- 2. IN RAISING SUBJECT OF GOWON'S PLANS ATTEND OTTAWA COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF STATE MEETING AND PRESENT OAU VIEWS ON MIDDLE EAST IN FORTHCOMING UNGA, AMBASSADOR CLEARLY STATED HE NOT ACTING ON ANY INSTRUCTIONS HIS GOVERNMENT. GARBA BELIEVED THE TIME WAS NOW PROPITIOUS FOR PRESIDENT TO INVITE HEAD OF STATE TO WASHINGTON FOLLOWING OTTAWA MEETING OR AFTER GOWON ADDRESSES UNGA. (GARBA INDICATED LIKELIHOOD GOWON WOULD NOT BE PRESENT FOR UNGA OPENING SESSION WHICH I CONFIDENTIAL

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CONSTRUE MEAN GOWON WILL ARRIVE FOR UNGA MIDDLE EAST DEBATE.) HE SPECIFICALLY ASKED WHETHER I COULD GIVE HIM ANY INDICATION OF PRESIDENT NIXON'S THINKING. IN REPLY I CAREFULLY AVOIDED ANY MENTION OF NATURE OF POSSIBLE GOWON VISIT TO WASHINGTON IN CONNECTION WITH OTTAWA OR UNGA MEETINGS. HOWEVER, I PROMISED INFORM HIM THROUGH YOU SOON AFTER HIS ARRIVAL IN LAGOS ON JULY 3 OF ANY INDICATIONS I WOULD BE ABLE TO OBTAIN FROM WHITE HOUSE.

- 3. MEANWHILE, YOU SHOULD BE AWARE THAT PAPERS ARE MOVING THROUGH DRAFTING STAGES HERE IN WHICH WE PLAN RECOMMEND THAT PRESIDENT NIXON RECEIVE GOWON IN OCTOBER FOR AN OFFICE VISIT.
- 4. SEPTEL FOLLOWS ON OTHER SUBJECTS DISCUSSED. ROGERS

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